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## **Schauer Holds 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP Day at the Capitol** *African American leaders join Senator for legislative work day*

LANSING—State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) this month held his fourth annual National Association of Colored Peoples (NAACP) legislative work day. African American leaders from Calhoun and Jackson Counties joined the Senator to learn about current legislation and to share viewpoints with him on issues of interest to the African American community.

“Events like these are vital to effective policy making,” said Schauer. “It is helpful for me, both from a legislative and community standpoint to hear their perspective.”

Participants took part in a briefing on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and the Juneteenth State Celebration in the morning. Following a lunch discussion with Schauer, the group met with Ann Marston, president and CEO of Michigan League of Human Services, and Sharon Gire, Director of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging to discuss the budget and health issues.

Since being elected as state senator, Schauer has every year held a legislative day with the NAACP leaders from Jackson and Calhoun Counties. Traditionally, members of the Executive Committee from the Jackson, Albion, and Battle Creek local chapters of the NAACP have attended the event.

“I often get the chance to work with constituents in the district, but it’s great to have local organizations visit the Capitol, too,” said Schauer. “It gives me a real sense of whether we’re on the right track.”

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*Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.*